



Kilmood Playgroup Committee Newsletter, September 2011

Dear Parents,

Firstly we would like to say a big WELCOME to all the children joining us and also their families. Thanks to all who took the time to attend the Playgroup A.G.M on 15th June 2011. A new committee has been formed and details of members are listed below:

- Chairperson: Angela Mitchell,
- Secretary: Gillian Connolly,
- Treasurer: Maxine Taylor
- Committee Members: Angie Murray, Caroline Duffy, Mark Parsons, Geoff Sloss, Jenni Gray, Jill Anderson, Leslie Howell, Stephanie Hanna, Vicky McDowell, Andrea Keers.

The committee meet with the playgroup leader and staff every 4-6 weeks during term time to review and make decisions about matters concerning the playgroup. The playgroup receives some public funding but unfortunately this is insufficient to even meet the running costs on a day to day basis. We therefore rely on fees and fundraising to provide the children with all the wonderful experiences they receive. This helps to provide essentials and extras such as new equipment, books, toys, staff training, special project activities and outings. Without this money the dedicated and hard working members of staff would not be able to maintain the high standards which parents have come to expect.

As a charity we have set out a fundraising programme for the year ahead. We hope that you will be able to get involved and support the activities that we have lined up for 2011/2012. Dates for your diary and forthcoming fundraising activities include:

- Saturday 12th November 2011- Night at the Races, Comber Rec.
- December 2011 – Personalised Xmas Gifts
- March/April 2012 – Easter Craft Fair
- June 2012 – Sponsored Nursery Rhymes

We will give further details nearer the time.

Please feel free to speak to any of the staff or committee members if you have any further questions.

One last thing to mention are some of the on-going fundraising activities:

- Book People located at front door every 5 weeks (playgroup receive 10%)
- Phoenix Cards, Catalogues Available on request
- www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kilmoodplaygroup If parents use this link prior to accessing other sites such as Tesco and Argos, playgroup will receive a % of spend at no extra cost to you. For more details please speak to Anne Dempster, playgroup leader or Gillian Connolly, playgroup committee.

Looking forward to meeting you all during the incoming year.

Best Wishes,

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